News-item "Safdarjung College's top post holds key to mystery"

2990. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Safdarjung College's top post holds key to mystery", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th November, 2001; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The appointment of the present Principal is a temporary arrangement and has been done with the sole objective of expediting the establishment of the medical college. The Principal is a Consultant in the Senior Administrative Grade.

The University of Delhi, by its letter dated 13.11.2001, informed the Ministry of the resolution passed by the Academic Council and also that the resolution would be placed before the Executive Council for its concurrence at its next meeting. The University had not granted affiliation to the new College till 20th November, 2001 when the University was informed that the Ministry did not wish to follow up the matter for affiliation of the college with the University of Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure on health in Asian countries

2991. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita expenditure on health in Asian countries, country-wise;

(b) the ratio of patient and doctor and patient and nurse in Government hospitals in the country, State-wise; and